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Title of Invention : AUTOMATICALLY-ACTIVATED MULTI-MODE

LASER SCANNING BAR CODE SYMBOL READING

SYSTEM -

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Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO ACCORD OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT AND SERIAL NUMBER TO NEW PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Official Filing Receipt and Serial Number be accorded to the present Application.

On November 13, 2002, Attorney for Applicants filed the following documents in the United States Patent and Trademarks Office:

- Transmittal Letter Accompanying Filing of Original Application;
- Original Application comprising: Ninety Five (95) Pages of Specification; Twenty Four (24) Pages of Claims to Invention; One (1) Page of Abstract of Disclosure; Forty Seven (47) sheets of Informal Drawings;
- Certificate of Express Mailing (No. EL906152865US); and
- Return Receipt Postcard.

On November 27, 2002, Attorney for Applicants received the return postcard, datestamped by the OIPE Division of the Patent Office. The postcard, however, was not accorded a serial number with the date stamp, according to USPTO procedure.

Since November 27, 2002, Attorney for Applicants has received no documents or information in connection with the above identified Application. Meanwhile, priority to this Application has been claimed in other International (PCT) and foreign Applications, for which provision of the serial numbers of said priority claimed Application is necessary before February 12, 2003.

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As the present Application is claimed in an International Patent Application, as well as other pending U.S. Patent Applications, Attorney for Applicants respectfully requests that a serial number be accorded the present Application and that an Official Filing Receipt be issued immediately following thereupon.

Attorney for Applicants submits herewith true copies of the above listed documents originally submitted on November 13, 2002, for filing in the present Application entitled "AUTOMATICALLY-ACTIVATED HAND-SUPPORTABLE MULTI-MODE LASER SCANNING BAR CODE SYMBOL READING SYSTEM".

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies to Deposit Account 16-1340. A copy of this document is enclosed herewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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